

I have heard that the real issue being discussed is whether XM local traffic and weather will be classified as "local programming". My feelings on this are:

- 1) I am a long haul truck driver and I have found this to be indispensable and would like to see more of it. The local channels are too unreliable, by that I mean that I can't just grab any channel that comes in on my radio and make the assumption that it is local and that they will have local traffic and weather. Too many times I have wanted it and ended up on a station that advertises six times an hour but that's only during "drive time", for me anytime is drive time!!

- 2) Many of the programs on XM are also carried by local stations and all of those have a local station that is "home". These would be next to be eliminated and they are some of the best things about XM. On the locals even when you know what hours your program is on you can't find it. Sometimes because it is on delay. Again I would like to see more of this!!

- 3) I pay for my XM and I feel that those of us who do will let them know by hour dollars what we want and that you should leave that alone. How would you like if we outlawed having a radio (CD, Cassette, etc.) in your vehicle on the premise that outdoor advertising would get more attention?

Thanks for your attention!!